

Cohasset Mariner

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Editorial

Rational Rationing

Selectmen should take issue with Massachusetts Energy Director Joseph Fitzpatrick and urge him to reconsider his stand against odd-even gas rationing.

This should be done now before Fitzpatrick's plan to limit the amount of gas per sale gets a chance to take effect and create even longer gas lines than we now face.

Fitzpatrick favors limited volume sales, which would allow motorists only a certain amount of gas per sale. This system would not alleviate gas lines because motorists would be forced to get gas virtually every day to keep their tanks full if they were allowed say only five gallons per sale. The odd-even system takes most of the worry out of whether there will be enough gas for sale by forcing motorists to conserve so they won't run out until it's their turn to buy.

The system works like this: on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, cars with license plates ending with an odd or even number can buy gas. On Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays, the other half of autos can buy gas. The system helps insure that all motorists will be able to buy some gas and most importantly not have to wait upwards of an hour to buy it. It also should cut down on the number of driver topping off their tanks for fear they won't be able to buy gas when they need it.

This system worked well five years ago in alleviating long waits and has worked earlier this year in California to cut down gas lines.

Selectmen should urge Fitzpatrick to change his mind now and not wait until a real crisis develops only to let Fitzpatrick's idea make it worse.

Long gas lines are a real threat to public health and safety especially in summer. It's one thing to sit in a car for an hour when the temperature is 20 degrees outside. You can always turn on the engine to run the heater for a few minutes and dress warmly. It's another thing when it's 90 outside and you don't have air conditioning. There's only so much clothing you can remove. Plus in summer heat adds to people's already frayed nerves and fights breaking out in gas lines would not be uncommon. In addition, gas lines stretching onto traveled lanes add to the potential for accidents and can block the way of emergency vehicles.

How about it, Selectmen, let's get to state officials before they institute a policy that would make worse an already precarious situation and urge them to use the odd-even rationing system and use it now.



Around Town Hall

CAUSEWAY OPENED

Selectmen declared on June 4 that the causeway on Atlantic Avenue is safe for vehicles and pedestrian traffic and, therefore, all barricades and signs will be taken down. The road is officially open for all traffic. Dante Salome, the state engineer at the site during construction, approved the work. Today, Thursday, at 11 a.m., final inspection will be by both federal and state engineers.

SCITUATE TO VISIT

After Scituate holds its meeting on Cohasset harbor maintenance, control and taxes, a meeting will be arranged between Scituate and Cohasset Selectmen for discussion of mutual harbor concerns.

JESUITS OKAY

Daniel Shine of the Jesuit community of Boston College gave written permission to Selectmen last week for engineers to enter their property near the Bellarmine Estate so engineers may draw up data in preparation for bidding on construction of a seawall there.

The easement is still in the drafting stage and awaits the mutual acceptance of attorneys for the town and the Jesuits.



OILING APPROVED

The Water Resources Commission of the state Division of Water Pollution Control has approved oiling of the Wheelwright Park riding ring based on the following conditions: drainage characteristics will not change; ponded precipitation at the northeast corner of the horse ring will not contain free floating oil; and whenever residues of oil do appear at this location measures will be taken to contain and remove them.

LICENSE SUSPENDED

Scott Liquors at 27 South Main St. has been found in violation of the liquor law against serving minors and will have its license suspended July 9-12. After a June 5 hearing, the state Alcoholics Beverage Control Commis-

sion, at which the store clerk said he hadn't checked identification of a 17-year-old girl who he served, the commission voted to suspend the license. Commission investigators witnessed a young female enter the exit of the store with a package. Investigators approached her and inquired as to the contents of the package and her age. Her package contained beer and she stated she was 17 and hadn't been checked for identification by the store clerk.

DAMAGE REPORTS

Damage reports will be given to the School Committee quarterly in an effort to determine the nature and cost of damaged school property.

COMPENSATION APPROVED

The School Committee unanimously approved the extra compensation positions for the 1979-1980 school year including: Dorothy Bates, Student Activities Treasurer; Anthony Hyde, Jr./Sr. High School Band; Patricia Wunschel, Yearbook; Ronald Emmons, Senior Class Play and Dramatics; and Senior Class Advisors, Kearin Dunn, Anne Marie League and Dennis Walsh.

'Received' Correspondence

To the Editor:

On May 25, 1979, you telephoned this office to request a written statement which would define the point in time at which correspondence addressed to a Board of Selectmen is deemed to be "received" as that term is used in G.L. Chapter 4, Section 7, Clause 26. Inasmuch as this office has a well-established policy on this issue, I am pleased to provide you with the following explanation.

G.L. Chapter 66, Section 6 requires all departments, boards, commissions or offices of the Commonwealth or any of its political subdivisions to designate a person to serve as custodian of its public records. Ordinarily this custodian or another person designated by

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the board will be responsible for opening and logging correspondence addressed to the board and, thus, whether any or all of the members of a board have seen the correspondence has bearing on the determination of when such correspondence is "received."

Correspondence addressed to a Board of Selectmen becomes subject to the mandatory disclosure provisions of G.L. Chapter 66, Section 10 when it is opened and received by a person who customarily handles the correspondence of the board. If mail is addressed to

a specifically named individual and is not acted upon (opened, logged, stamped, etc.) by the person who accepts the board's mail, that mail is not a public record until opened and received by the particular named person or his/her designated custodian.

Be advised, however, that "received" correspondence to the board is still subject to the exemptions enumerated in the public records definition found in G.L. Chapter 4, Section 7, Clause 26.

John J. McGlynn
Supervisor of Public Records
Office of Secretary of State

School Shorts

CUSTODIAL LAND

The School Committee voted to accept a custodial reorganization plan proposed by School Supt. John Maloney geared toward more security and cleaning time. He proposed one custodian work the day shift and one work the twilight shift on Saturdays. These changes will involve the involuntary transfer of three or four employees, he said.

APPOINTMENTS MADE

The committee has approved the following appointments for the 1979-80 academic year: Maureen Alcotte as a CHS English teacher, and Nancy Gilmore as a sixth grade teacher at the Deer Hill School. The committee also hired Mary Benbow, Jeanne

Fink and Raymond Levine to work at the Summer Handwriting Workshop.

MASC CONVENTION

Committee Member Martha Gjestebj was elected voting delegate from Cohasset to a meeting of the Mass. Association of School Committees in Hyannis. Secretary Patricia Walsh will be an alternate.

STILL END DENIED

Retiring CHS Teacher Frank Wunschel, who had taught in Cohasset more than

20 years, was denied a \$1000 stipend by a 3-3 vote of the committee.

PAPE TO STORE

School bus parking will be changed from school grounds to property of Charles Pape of Chief Justice Cushing Highway at \$3840 a year.

METCO AIDES

Newly appointed METCO aides are: L. Miller, N. Windsor, K. Hernber, C. Stein, J. Godfrey, C. Mitchner, C. Brady, and J. Trask.

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